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Dear [REDACTED]

This is in further response to your request concerning the late [REDACTED] with particular reference to the nature of his relations with this Agency. We understand your request to be for records pertaining to an alleged relationship of a covert character between the CIA and the late [REDACTED]

We must advise you that the fact of the existence or non-existence of any documents which would reveal a confidential or covert CIA connection with or interest in such a person is classified pursuant to Executive Order 12065. Further, the fact of the existence or nonexistence of such documents would directly relate to information concerning intelligence sources and methods, which the Director of Central Intelligence has the responsibility to protect from unauthorized disclosure in accordance with subsection 102(d)(3) of the National Security Act of 1947 and section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949. Accordingly, pursuant to exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3) of the Freedom of Information Act, your request is denied to the extent that it concerns any such documents. By this statement we neither confirm nor deny that any such documents exist.

The denying officer in this instance is Mr. Gerald Liebenau, DO Information Review Officer. Under the provisions of the Act, I am advising you of your right to appeal his decision, through me, to the CIA Information Review Committee.

Sincerely,

John E. Bacon
Information and Privacy Coordinator